

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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## 1. (Currently Amended)

A toner for developing an electrostatic image comprising toner particles and metal oxide particles,

wherein the toner particles comprises a first resin and a colorant, and the metal oxide particles have a domain-matrix structure comprising a domain and a matrix.

## 2. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the domain comprises titanium oxide and the matrix comprises silica.

## 3. (Currently Amended)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the domain comprises ~~titanium oxide~~ zirconium oxide or aluminum oxide and the matrix comprises silica.

## 4. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the domain and the metal oxide particles are substantially spherical.

## 5. (Currently Amended)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.05-0.4, wherein A is ~~an~~ a number-based average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles and B is ~~an~~ a number-based average diameter of ~~primary particles of~~ the domain.

## 6. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a number average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles is 20-300 nm and a number average FERE horizontal diameter of the domain is 1-60 nm.

## 7. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a ratio (Y/X) is 0.1-0.6, wherein X is a weight of the metal oxide particles and Y is a weight of the domain.

## 8. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a moisture content of the metal oxide particles is at most 2 percent by weight.

## 9. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a ratio of toner particles without corners is at least 50 percent by number based on the

toner particles and a number variation coefficient of a number particle size distribution is at most 27 percent..

10. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the toner particles have a covering layer comprising a second resin whose composition is different from the composition of the first resin.

11. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a surface of the toner particle is modified with a third resin whose composition is different from a composition of the first resin.

12. (Original)

A two-component developing agent comprising the toner of claim 1 and carrier.

13. (New)

The toner of claim 1 wherein a ratio  $(B/A)$  is 0.02 - 0.4,  
wherein A is number-based average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles and B is a number-based average diameter of the domain.

14. (New)

The toner of claim 13, wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.06 - 0.2.

15. (New)

The toner of claim 4, wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.05 - 0.4,  
wherein A is a number-based average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles and B is a number-based average diameter of the domain; and

a number-average diameter of primary particles of primary particles of the metal oxide particles is 20 - 300 nm and a number average FERE horizontal diameter of the domain is 1 - 60 nm.

16. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide particles are an external additive.